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X-RAY MACHINES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of airports in the country do not have necessary X-ray machines to screen bags and baggages;

(b) if so, the names of the airports in the country which are yet to be provided with such equipment and where manual checking is being carried out;

(c) the reasons for not installing such facilities at all airports;

(d) the number of complaints received from the passengers regarding missing baggages during each of the last three years, airport-wise; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the security functioning of the airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): X-ray machines are available at all airports except Gaggal and Dehradun airports. Only the X-ray machinesat Agatti and Porbandar airports are used for checking registered baggages but not for hand baggages.

(c): Action has already been initiated for procurement of latest X-ray machines. They will be installed wherever required once they are received.
(d): Information is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.
(e): A number of measures have been taken to further strengthen security arrangements at airports, which inter-alia include:

(i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a time-bound manner;

(ii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) at major airports;

(iii) Ladder-point security check of passengers and their hand-baggage made mandatory;

(iv) Strengthening of perimeter security;

(v) Replacement/installation of X-ray machines, Door Frame Metal Detectors and Hand Held Metal Detectors.